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### CPSC, Makita U.S.A. Inc. Announce Recall of Chain Saws

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Makita Chain Saws

**Units:** About 3,400 units

**Distributor:** Makita U.S.A. Inc., of La Mirada, Calif.

**Hazard:** The flywheels on some of the chain saws can come apart during use, which could cause serious personal injury.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Makita has received three reports of the flywheel coming apart. There have been no reports of injury.

**Description:** The recall involves Makita DCS6401 and DCS7901-model chain saws in which the last five digits of the serial numbers are within the following ranges:

Chain saw Model	Serial Number Range
DCS6401	41915 through 45612 81722 through 82057
DCS7901	31182 through 31491

The chain saw's housing is teal with the name "Makita" written on it. The chain saw's serial number can be found on the right hand side of the silver nameplate which is located on the back of the fuel tank. No

other Makita chain saws are involved in the recall. Any DCS6401 or DCS7901 chain saws with the letter "N" preceding the serial number on the nameplate and a blue dot on the shipping carton have been repaired and are not involved in the recall.

**Sold at:** Outdoor power equipment distributors and industrial contractor supply houses nationwide sold these chain saws from October 2004 through August 2005 for between \$520 and \$730.

**Manufactured in:** Germany

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using these recalled chain saws immediately and contact Makita to arrange for a free repair. Known purchasers were sent direct mail notification of this recall.

**Consumer Contact:** For more information, call Makita toll-free at (866) 714-3860, Ext.232 between 8 a. m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at [www.makitatools.com](http://www.makitatools.com)



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percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp). Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).